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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Laura E. Edwards	1734

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 14 December 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

- 1) On page 3, line 4, --be-- should be inserted after "not".
- 2) On page 5, last paragraph, lines 1, 3, 6, "defferential" should be changed to --differential--.
- 3) On page 6, line 2, "defferential" should be changed to --differential--.
- 4) On page 6, lines 3-4, "the present invention is in no need to purchase a static mixer" should be changed to --the present invention does not require use of a static mixer--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-3 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- 1) In claim 1, line 2, "rate" should be changed to --rates--.
- 2) In claim 1, line 6, "shape" should be changed to --shapes--.
- 3) In claim 2, line 5, "iacid" should be changed to --acid--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 3, "the copolymer" lacks antecedent basis. It is suggested that in line 3, Applicant change "copolymer" (both instances) to --polymer--.

In claim 2, line 3, "the third component" lacks antecedent basis. It is suggested that "the" be changed to --a--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 1-3 would be allowable because there is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art of a method for forming differential denier and differential cross section fiber and fabric comprising the steps of melting two polymers with different alkali dissolution rate, by controlling the mixing ratio of the polymer with a slower dissolution rate to the polymer with a quicker dissolution rate at the range of 85:15 to 50:50, and spinning the two polymers from a pack assembly consisting of a distributor for producing general split type microfiber and spinnerette with spinning orifice of different shapes to produce fiber.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following patent application publication discloses the state of the art with respect to a method of making a polyester mixed fiber yarn: US 2003/0052432.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura E. Edwards whose telephone number is (571) 272-1227. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (703) 308-3853. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.



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